

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 13, 2006. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections set forth in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

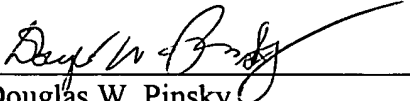
Claims 2-16 are pending. Claim 1 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 13, 15 and 16 have been amended. Support for the claim changes can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added. Claims 2 and 3 are in independent form.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 2-12 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since Claims 2 and 3 have been so rewritten, those claims are believed allowable. Since each of Claims 4-16 depends from Claim 2 or Claim 3, Claims 4-16 are also believed allowable. Accordingly, the subject application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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